

IN THE SPECIFICATION

- At page 1, after the title, and before the paragraph beginning, “The present invention relates . . .” please add the following section heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- At page 1, line 6 (Publ. App. par. [0001]) please replace paragraph beginning, “The present invention relates . . .” with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to a device for operating a blind ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

- At page 1, line 21 before the paragraph beginning, “The object of the invention . . .” (Publ. App. par. [0005]) please add the following section heading:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

- At page 1, line 30 please delete the paragraph beginning, “The device according to the invention is characterized . . .” (Publ. App. par. [0006])

- At page 1, line 33 (Publ. App. par. [0007]) please replace paragraph beginning, “Various embodiments of the invention . . .” with the following amended paragraph:

Various embodiments of the invention are defined by the ~~dependent claims 2 to 5.~~

- At page 2, line 1 before the paragraph beginning, "Figure 1 is a longitudinal . . ."

(Publ. App. par. [0009]) please add the following section heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- At page 3, line 13 before the paragraph beginning, "Two operating devices 20 . . ."

(Publ. App. par. [0026]) please add the following section heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- At page 3, line 13 (Publ. App. par. [0026]) please replace paragraph beginning, "Two operating devices 20 . . ." with the following amended paragraph:

Two operating devices 20 such as that shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 are designed to operate a Venetian blind. Each device 20 comprises a suspension cord 2, one end 3 of which is fixed to a winding drum 4 and the other end to the free end of the blind. It also comprises an angle-setting cord 5 driven by a grooved pulley 6 on the winding drum and connected to each slat of the blind. Thus, by moving the angle-setting cord 5, the angle of the slats about their longitudinal axes can be set.

- At page 3, line 23 (Publ. App. par. [0027]) please replace paragraph beginning, "This operating device is installed in a headrail 7 . . ." with the following amended paragraph:

This operating device is installed in a headrail 7, having an opening 10 for the ~~cords 2, 5~~ suspension cord 2 and angle-setting cord 5 to pass through, fixed to the structure of the building in question. This rail also contains the winding drum 4, a mounting 9 to guide it as it rotates, and

a shaft 8 to transmit the motion of a motor/gearbox unit or of a manual device such as a crank to the winding drum. The suspension cord 2 and angle-setting cord 5 cords pass through the drum mounting 9 as shown in FIG. 1.